

(b) *Notwithstanding any other law, the State Preservation Board by rule and in consultation with the commission and other appropriate state agencies shall establish a process for a vendor to apply for and obtain from the board a permit that allows the vendor to sell goods from a rented space during an event authorized by the board and held in the Texas mall area of the Capitol Complex.*

(c) *The State Preservation Board is not required to adopt the rules required under Subsection (b) until the Capitol Complex master plan developed under Section 2166.105 is implemented and the Texas mall proposed in the plan is established.*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on April 13, 2017: Yeas 133, Nays 5, 3 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 12, 2017: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Approved May 26, 2017.

Effective September 1, 2017.

**AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN INSURANCE
COVERAGE BY PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR THE BENEFIT OF
BUSINESSES AND STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN CAREER
AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS AND PROVIDING FOR
IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY OF CERTAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL
STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY
PROGRAMS**

CHAPTER 122

H.B. No. 639

AN ACT

relating to authorizing the purchase of certain insurance coverage by public schools for the benefit of businesses and students participating in career and technology programs and providing for immunity from liability of certain public school students participating in career and technology programs.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 29, Education Code, is amended by adding Sections 29.191 and 29.192 to read as follows:

Sec. 29.191. ACCIDENT, LIABILITY, AND AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COVERAGE. (a) *The board of trustees of a school district or the governing body of an open-enrollment charter school may obtain accident, liability, or automobile insurance coverage to protect:*

(1) *a business or entity that participates with the district or school to provide district or school students a career and technology program; and*

(2) *a district or school student who participates in a district or school career and technology program.*

(b) *The coverage authorized by this section must be:*

(1) *obtained from a reliable insurer authorized to engage in business in this state; or*

(2) *for a district, provided through the district's self-funded risk pool.*

(c) *The amount of coverage a district or school obtains:*

(1) *must be reasonable considering the financial condition of the district or school; and*

(2) *may not exceed the amount that is reasonably necessary in the opinion of, as applicable, the board of trustees of the district or the governing body of the school.*

(d) If the board of trustees of a district or the governing body of a school obtains accident, liability, or automobile insurance coverage under this section, an administrator designated by the board of trustees of the district or governing body of the school, as applicable, shall notify the parent or guardian of each student participating in the career and technology program.

(e) A district or school may not directly or indirectly charge a student or the student's parent or guardian for the cost of providing to the student insurance under this section.

(f) The failure of any board of trustees of a district or the governing body of a school to obtain coverage authorized by this section or to obtain a specific amount of coverage under this section may not be construed as placing any legal liability on, as applicable, the district or the district's officers, agents, or employees or the school or the school's officers, agents, or employees.

Sec. 29.192. IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY. A student who participates in a career and technology program approved by a school district or an open-enrollment charter school is entitled to immunity in the same manner provided under Section 22.053 as a volunteer who is serving as a direct service volunteer of a district or school.

SECTION 2. Section 29.187(f), Education Code, is repealed.

SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2017–2018 school year.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on May 6, 2017: Yeas 138, Nays 0, 3 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 19, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved May 26, 2017.

Effective May 26, 2017.

ESTABLISHMENT BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF AN ADVANCED COMPUTER SCIENCE PROGRAM FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

CHAPTER 123

H.B. No. 728

AN ACT

relating to the establishment by the State Board of Education of an advanced computer science program for high school students.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 28, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 28.018 to read as follows:

Sec. 28.018. ADVANCED COMPUTER SCIENCE PROGRAM. (a) *The State Board of Education by rule shall develop and implement a program under which:*

(1) *students in participating school districts may comply with the curriculum requirements for an advanced mathematics credit under Section 28.025(b–1)(2) or an advanced science credit under Section 28.025(b–1)(3) by successfully completing an advanced computer science course; and*

(2) *participating school districts implement rigorous standards, as developed by the State Board of Education, for advanced computer science courses that are focused on the creation and use of software and computing technologies.*

(b) *The commissioner shall adopt rules as necessary to administer this section.*